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1. After the end of the war, the anthracite coal distillation plant in Blachownia Slaska (Blechhammer - P51/Y08) near Kedzierzyn (Heydebreck) was dismantled by the Russians. The plant formerly produced distillation coke and tar for hydrogenation. The Polish government has now given orders for the reconstruction of the plant, so that it will reach full capacity production by 1955. By the end of 1952, two distillers are to be in operation, each of them able to work 350 tons of coal per day. In 1945, the plant will have reached 60 percent of full capacity. Full capacity, for handling one million tons of coal briquettes and lump coal, will be reached in 1955.²
2. In 1955 the plant is to produce 80,000 tons of distillation tar annually. To this will be added 30,000 tons of tar annually from other distillation plants, so that after 1955, 110,000 tons of tar will be available for hydrogenation each year. One of the other supplying plants is currently being built on the site of the former Karsten Zentrum mine.
3. Drafts for the reconstruction of the Blachownia Slaska works are now being drawn up by the Industrial Construction Bureau (Konstruktionsbuero Industriebau - KI) in Berlin.³ The Poles themselves, however, are building the two distillers mentioned above.

25X1 1. [redacted] Comment: Central Office for Research and Technology of the DDR
State Planning Commission (Zentralamt fuer Forschung und Technik - ZAFIT).

25X1 2. [redacted] Comment: [redacted] the Polish Government ordered the construction of a coal distillation plant at an unspecified locality in Upper Silesia. It is not clear if this is another plant or the one mentioned in this report. [redacted] this plant is to produce distillation tar for chemical intermediates and not for hydrogenation. It is to produce 160,000 tons of distillation tar annually; from this, 90,000 tons of soft pitch.

25X1 3. Comment: Technical director of the Industrial Construction Bureau is Engineer Hennoch; top specialist is Engineer Walter.

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